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Sir:

Please inform us of the status of the above-identified patent application and as to when we may expect an Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The first Status Inquiry was filed in this case on May 23, 2005. A second Status Inquiry was filed on August 3, 2005. No response to either of these inquiries has yet to be received by Applicant.

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